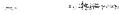
EXHIBIT 4





Launch of the Middle East Investment Initiative Program

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In a ceremony in Ramallah today, Palestinian President Abbas, Prime Ministar Fayyad, U.S. Under Secretary for Public Affairs Karen Hughes, and President of the American Overseas Private investment Corporation (OPIC) Robert Mosbacher, Jr. launched the Middle East Investment Initiative (MEII), an innovative American-Palestinian public-private partnership between OPIC, the Palestine Investment Fund (PIF), and the Aspen institute. The initiative was approved by President George W, Bush to generate \$228 million in loans to small and medium-eized Palestinian businesses. By making loans available to entrepreneurs who may otherwise not have access to investment capital, the program alms to improve the living standards of Palestinians.

The agreement to launch the fund was signed by Mr. Mosbacher, PIF Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Mustapha, and Aspen Institute Board member and MEII Chairman Berl Bernhard. Palestinian President Abbas and Prime Minister Feyyad thanked the contributing donors for making this project a reality.

"The United States is committed to strengthening the Pelestinian economy as an important step towards a peaceful and independent Pelestinian state. This joint loen program is part of the on-going effort by U.S. President Bush to provide assistance to the Palestinian people and shows his confidence in the Palestinian Government of President Abbes and Prime Minister Feyyad," Under Secretary Hughes stated in her remarks.

This Middle East Investment Initiative (MEII) loan fund has been a close cottaboration between OPIC, the PIF, and the Aspen Inefitute for over two years and will use funds from the U.S. Government entity OPIC and the PIF to leverage \$228 million in loans to small bulnessee. The Norweglan Government is providing \$5 million for operating coets for the fund and the Aspen Institute has raised funds from American, European, and Arab donors to operate and manage the initiative. The Aspen Institute in an American non-governmental organization whose members includes prominent American, Palestinian, and Israeli business leaders and policy makers.

"The Middle East investment initiative Program will infuse much needed investment funds into the Patestinian business sector, allowing even small business owners to use their own talents and energy to improve conditions for themselves and their families," Mr. Mosbacher noted.

President Bush first announced his approval for the OPIC loan program during a speech on July 18, when he retersted American support for the Palestinian people and outlined an overall 2007 U.S Government assistance to the Palestinian people that includes \$144 miltion in assistance to UNRWA, \$190 miltion for basic human needs, food ald, and democracy, civil society and private sector development, and \$80 miltion to help reform the legitimate security services of the Palestinian Authority.

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